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Citizens For Farm Labor

LEFTISTS IN 'FAIR TREATMENT' GROUP

A group of Northern Californians, some of them with strong left-wing affiliations, have formed an organization called Citizens for Farm Labor. "Fair treatment" for agricultural workers is the announced purpose of the new organization, which is headed by Henry Anderson of Martinez, California and Howard Richards of Santa Barbara.

Anderson has been active with a group called the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, which was affiliated with the AFL-CIO but disaffiliated in 1961, according to the Communist People's World.

On the University of California campus he supported the Students Committee for Agricultural Labor, a 1961 group backing lettuce strikers in Imperial Valley, Calif.

Slate, radical left-wing student political party at UC, included an essay by Anderson in the working papers for its annual summer conference in 1962.

YPSL SPEAKER

A Flyer from the Young People's Socialist League lists Anderson as a speaker in Berkeley in July 1961

A mimeographed essay distributed in August 1962 at Oakland Socialist Party headquarters was signed by Henry Anderson and declared, "I do not believe that a peace which is either enduring or just is ultimately possible divorced from the ethos of democratic socialism. The seeds which lie at the heart of the capitalist world view are humanly destructive seeds...The seeds at the heart of capitalism grow into ugly trees which bear ugly fruit. Racial and other group hatreds are part of this bitter harvest. And so is war."

Anderson is a former associate of Ellen Jo Bermann, who was active with the Labor Youth League, a cited Communist front, in Los Angeles, Miss Bermann had also been a youth panel member at a conference sponsored by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, also a declared Communist front.

Richards was active in the "peace" movement while at Stanford University and participated in a town meeting which was part of a protest vigil against the Chico, Calif., missile base in April 1960.

#### HCUA PICKET

He also picketed the May 1960 San Francisco hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which erupted into a Communist-led riot. In 1962, Richards won an anti-right-wing essay contest sponsored by the Santa Barbara News Press on "The Problems of Character Assassination."

Secretary-Treasurer of the farm group is Wendy Goepel of Berkeley, who was on the planning committee of a San Francisco conference on "The Impact of the Radical Right," Feb. 3, 1962.

Among advisory board members of the new group are University of California professors Joseph Tussman, an avowed foe of the HCUA and loyalty oaths who has urged that Communists be allowed to teach at universities; Van Dusen Kennedy, who was responsible for recommending a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for Communist Clinton E. Jencks in 1959; and Joseph Fontenrose, an avowed Marxist.

Also, Herman Gallegos, listed in the March 25, 1954, Communist People's World as first vice president of a recently formed National Community Service Organization for Mexican Americans; Dorothy Kaufman, of the pro-Marxist Catholic Workers Movement; Anne Draper of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union and wife of Socialist editor Hal Draper.

Also, attorney Malcolm Burnstein, law associate of Communist Bertram Edises; Dr. Paul O'Rourke, a foe of anti-Communist legislation; and Rev. Aron Gilmartin, Unitarian minister who in 1953 supported an amnesty plea from a Communist front against prosecution of Cp members under the Smith Act.

Other board members are Nancy Swadesh, Governor Brown's former industrial welfare division chief, attorney James Murray and Father Thomas McCullough.